to convert all MIG allotments and a portion of the LIG allotments on cash-down basis. The EWS category will be given allotments only on hire-purchase basis.

(b) and (c) This decision was taken as one of the measures to bridge the gap between revenue and expenditure anticipated during the year 1986-87 as well as to augment the financial resources for housing activities. 60 per cent of registrants under the MIG category & 25 per cent of registrants under LIG category are likely to be affected by the decision as they would be required henceforth to make the payment on Cash Down Basis.

Mittra Committee's report on National Film Development Corporation

*30. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Mittra Committee's report on the working of the National Film Development Corporation including its observations about the head of the Corporation; and

(b) what is Government's reaction to the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The report of Dr. Asok Mitra, ICS (Retd.) who had been appointed to enquire into the functioning and performance of the National Film Development Corporation since its inception covers the entire field of activities of the Corporation. It contains his observations about the performance of the Corporation in the past and also suggestions for improvement in its functioning. The report is under consideration of the Government.

Setting up of Fertilizer Plants in Joint Ventures

*31. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals for setting up more fertilizer plants during the Seventh Five Year Plan in joint ventures both in India and abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are proposals for setting up joint venture fertilizer plants in Tunisia and Algeria.

Role of Public Sector in Mineral Industry

*32. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assign a dominant role to the public sector in the mineral industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The role of the public sector in the development of mineral industry has been laid down in the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956. Industries have been divided into three categories. The first category includes, *inter alia*, mining of iron ore, chrome ore, gypsum, sulphur, gold and diamond; mining and processing of copper, zinc, lead, tin, molybdenum and wolfram; and atomic minerals. The future development of these mineral industries would be exclusive, responsibility of the State. The second category includes, *inter alia*, all other minerals except minor minerals, and aluminium and other non-ferrous metals not included in the first category. These industries would be progressively State owned though private enterprise is expected to supplement the efforts of the State. The remaining industries form the third category, the future development of which has been left to the private enterprise, though the State is not precluded from starting new units.